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*Via CMRR and Email*

Ms. Darcy O'Connor, Water Division Director  
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U.S. EPA Region 8  
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RE: Circle Ridge Field  
NPDES Permit No. WY-0000949  
Fremont County, Wyoming

Dear Ms. O'Connor and Ms. DeJong,

Merit Energy Company, LLC would like to request that you hold in abeyance its request for termination of the NPDES system and permit WY-0000949 for the Circle Ridge Field located in Fremont County, Wyoming (the "Permit") that was submitted on February 17, 2021. Merit and the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes have agreed to an extension of the lease covering the Circle Ridge Field until April 30, 2018 to allow the parties time to try to reach an agreement regarding a transition plan. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, Merit will proceed with its request for the termination of the Permit. Regardless, Merit will provide an update on or before March 30, 2021.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (972) 628-1079.

Sincerely,

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC

Kat Lyles  
Assistant General Counsel